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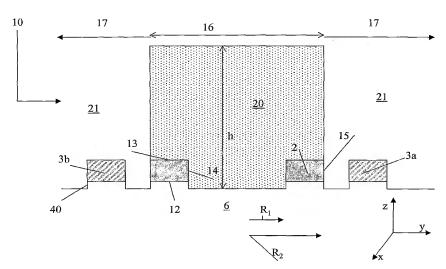
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### (54) Title: LOW LOSS MICRORING RESONATOR DEVICE



(57) Abstract: It is disclosed a low loss micro-ring resonator device (10; 100; 10') which comprises a closed-loop resonator waveguide (2) having a first refractive index  $(n_r)$ , the resonator waveguide (2) defining an inner (16) and an outer region (17) by an outer curved edge (15) of the waveguide (2). The resonator waveguide is arranged on a substrate (6; 6') having a second refractive index  $(n_b)$ , the refractive index difference  $(\Delta n_1)$  between the first refractive index  $(n_r)$  and the second refractive index  $(n_b)$  is greater than 0.3. The device (10) also comprises an upper cladding (20) covering the inner region (16) of the resonator waveguide (2) having a third refractive index  $(n_{uc})$ ; and a lateral cladding (21) in contact with the outer curved edge (15) and extending in the outer region (17), said lateral cladding (21) having a fourth refractive index  $(n_{lc})$ , the fourth refractive index  $(n_{lc})$  being lower than said third refractive index  $(n_{uc})$ . A method for reducing propagation losses of a resonator device (10; 100;10') is also described.

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